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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated December 10, 2002 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-095450, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-132705, which was published on May 12, 2000, along with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2001-269482, which was published on October 2, 2001, along with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-24306, which was published on January 25, 2000, along with an English language Abstract of the same.
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The relevance and pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal (together with an English language

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translation of the same).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials.

Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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